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REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)
Attorney Docket: 056207.50393C2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 10/218,488
Filed on: August 15, 2002
Of: Yoshiharu HAYASHI et al.
Entitled: Operation and Maintenance Planning Aiding System for Power Generation Installation
Examiner: Elias Desta
Group: 2857

X 1a.. Accompanying this order is a new specification and drawings, that does not contain any subject matter that would have been new matter in the prior application.
Total pages of specification, claims and abstract: 62
Total pages of drawings: 17

— 1b. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed.
Total pages of specification, claims and abstract:
Total pages of drawings:

— 2. New Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of sheet(s), depicting Figures .

X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:
a. Newly executed (original or copy)
b. X Copy from prior application
i. Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application



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4. Incorporation by Reference:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

5. Cancel original claims

6. Small entity status:

a. A small entity statement is enclosed

b. A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed on in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.

c. Is no longer claimed

7. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS
CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee		\$385	\$770
Total Claims	<u>4</u> - 20 = <u>0</u> x 9 = \$ <u> </u>	18 = \$ <u> </u>	
Ind. Claims	<u>4</u> - 3 = <u>1</u> x 43 = \$ <u> </u>	86 = \$ <u>86.00</u>	
	Multiple Dependent Claims + 145 = \$ <u> </u>	290 = \$ <u> </u>	
		Total \$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>856.00</u>

8. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #) in the amount of \$.

9. Two checks in the amounts of \$770.00 and \$86.00 to cover the filing fee are enclosed.

10. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056207.50393C2).

X 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/218,488, filed August 15, 2002, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/952,024, filed September 14, 2001--

X 12. Priority of Appln. No(s). 2001-052779, filed in Japan on February 14, 2001, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

X 13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 09/952,024 on September 14, 2001.

X 14. The prior application is assigned of record to Hitachi, Ltd.

X 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169.

X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.

— b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

— c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.

X d. Address all future correspondence to:

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X 16. Form PTO-892 listing prior art made of record in the prior application is attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.

— 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

X 18. Return Receipt Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

January 13, 2004



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